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Prime Minister Krag's Oct 3 statement in Parliament unfortunately reported by wire services somewhat out of context, leaving impression here Danes not really interested controlling Danish shipping to Cuba. Krag's reported statement that QTE we have not even made any representations to shipowners UNQTE not helpful.

Dept assumed from tone and urgency of Danish delegation approach described Paris POLTO 343, that Danish Govt considered Sept 24 Haekkerup letter to Danish Shipowners Assn would for all practical purposes have effect of govt warning or recommendation against shipping to Cuba. Danish Permrep response to our statement as reported Paris POLTO 393 would seem further support this interpretation.

In view positive attitude expressed by Krag in last para reftel, Emb should take advantage open door and inform Fonoff that reaction in US would be highly favorable should PriMin see fit personally warn Danish shipowners against shipping to Cuba. Emb may also wish assure FonOff that

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selfish commercial motives play no part no part in formulation US Govt policy
on Soviet bloc shipments to Cuba.

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